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Madrid, Decemb. 4.

**T**HE Duke of *St. Germain*, late Viceroy of *Catalonia*, is arrived here, and hath given his Majesty an account of the posture he left affairs in that Countrey. On Saturday was seven-night dyed at his house herein Town the Marquis *del Castej Rodigro*, sometime Governour of the Spanish Netherlands. The 27 past, Lieutenant-Admiral *de Ruyter* sailed with his Fleet from *Barcelona*. The Marquis *de Mancera* and *Don Juan Baptista Christin*, the Plenipotentiaries of this Crown for the Treaty at *Nimeguen*, have orders to part forthwith, whither *Don Pedro de Ronquillo* is likewise to repair, in the same quality from *England*, where he now resides on the part of this Crown.

*Leghorne*, Decemb. 7. From *Naples* we have the confirmation of the loss of 6 or 7 Spanish Men of War near the Fare of *Messina*, in bad weather, and of 300 Men being drowned in them; at the same time the Letters add, one of the Spanish Gallies was sunk or broken in pieces by a clap of Thunder, 12 men of those that were on board being onely saved. The Messineses according to our advices are at present in a good condition, wanting neither Provisions nor any other things necessary.

*Genoua*, Decemb. 11. By a Vessel arrived here this morning from *Cagliari* in *Sardaignia* we have advice, that Lieutenant-Admiral *de Ruyter* was arrived there with 12 Men of War, that he had sent eight ships of his Squadron to *Naples*, and that he expected some others from these parts. The 27 past the *Newcastle* Captain *Werwang* Commander sailed from hence for *Spain*, but not liking the weather returned again the next day, and the 30 failed the second time.

*Strasbourg*, Decemb. 9. There is now no more discourse of the design of the French upon *Lauerburgh*, where are at present 5000 Imperialists in Garrison; but they continue to fortifie the places they possess in *Alsacia*, and especially *Schlestadt*, where they pretend to have the Fortifications finished, and the place in a sufficient posture of defence before *March*. At *Schlestadt* are arrived within these few days 30 Companies of Foot from *Metz*, being the Troops that were in *Treves*, before the same was last taken. This week likewise came into *Alsacia* three Battalions of Foot from *Flanders*, who had taken their march through *Lorraine*.

*Cologne*, Decemb. 14. From *Spire* they write, that that City, to free its Territory from the continual incursions of the Garrison of *Philipsburgh*, had agreed with the French about a monthly Contribution. The Marquis *de Grana* is arrived here, in order to the consulting about the providing Winter-quarters for the *Munster* Troops that are coming from the Electorate of *Treves*, where they have been ever since that Siege.

*Berlin*, Decemb. 4. The Elector of *Brandenburgh* was expected here the latter end of the last week, but it seems that his Electoral Highness as he was on his way hither, received an Express from the King of *Denmark*, in which his Majesty desired him that he would remain with his Forces in the Field, till such time as that he

had made himself Master of *Wismar*, which he doubted not to be very suddenly, having possessed himself of an half Moon, from whence he could very much incommode the Besieged with Granadoes and Fire-balls. The Prince of *Anhalt* is at present here, and the Troops which he commanded at *Loobenitz* about seven Leagues from hence, so that the *Suedes* in *Damme* are now at liberty again.

*Lubeck*, Decemb. 3. We have Letters from the Camp before *Wismar* of the 2d instant, which tell us, That the 28 past, four Danish Men of War arrived before the place, and came to an Anchor before the Fort, called the *Walvis*; That the 30 at night, the Besiegers began to shoot from six Mortar pieces into the Town, Granadoes of 2 and 300 pound each, two of which burst in the Air, but the others falling in the Town among the houses, did the intended execution; for several were seen on fire: and on the first instant, about 2 in the morning was perceived a great flame, which continued till eight of the Clock the morning following, so that great harm must have been done; the King, to give the Inhabitant time to quench the same, commanded to hold up from shooting. The same day arrived an Express in the Camp, with Letters from the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, though we know not what they brought. The first instant several Danish Soldiers, who ventured out of their Trenches, were killed by the Cannon of the Besieged, amongst whom was a Captain of Horse, and a Lieutenant. The said Trenches are advanced to the Gates of the Town, and on that side, which is covered with a Moras the Besiegers, by the means of Fagots, are come within a Musquet-shot; so that if the weather did but any thing favour them, they might hope quickly to put an end to the Siege; We understand that the Danes pretend when the same is over, to quarter several of their Troops in the Territory of this City; upon which an extraordinary Assembly has been held there, and it is said that it hath been resolved to oppose the same.

*Ditto*, Decemb. 6. On Saturday last the Besieged in *Wismar* made a Sally with 200 Men, and engaged the Danes very smartly, killing about 30 upon the place; but at length they were forced to retire, leaving near 50 of their Companions behind them, who were killed, or taken Prisoners: by whose report we understand, that in the Fire which hapned in the Town the first instant at night, five houses were burnt down to the ground. The Count of *Coningmark*, who went out from *Siraelsfond* upon some exploit, is returned thither again, without having made any attempt.

*Hamburgh*, Decemb. 10. It is hard to say, who behave themselves better, the Besieged in *Wismar*, or the Besiegers, both performing their parts with great bravery; the latter some dayes since begun to shoot Fire-balls into the Town, which have burnt some houses; their Cannon likewise played so furiously upon the Gate which regards *Lubeck*, that it was wholly battered down: but the Besieged soon filled up the Gap with earth, and made that side as strong as it was before. The Danes attacking two Outworks, which lay near each other, the *Suedes* after a weak resistance, purposely quitted them; but the

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Enemy was no sooner enter'd, but they sprung two Mines, which they had prepared, and destroy'd many Danes. This day we have likewise News, that the Besieg'd have made a very brisk Sally, and have done great execution upon the Besiegers, who besides the courage and resolution of the Besieg'd, are forced to struggle with great difficulties occasioned by the season. From *Kottack* of the 11<sup>th</sup> instant they write, that several *Brandenburgh* Troops were pass'd by that City on their way to the Danish Camp, though we have not yet heard of their actual arrival there. On Sunday last the Elector of *Brandenburgh* returned with his whole Court to *Brandenburgh*. The differences between the Bishop of *Munster* and the Duke of *Zell*, about the latter's quartering his Troops in *Esphalia*, are not yet accommodated.

*Bremen*, Decemb. 11. *Carlsstadt* is still blocked up by the Confederates, and we see daily Troops march that way. Yesterday was a Conference between the Deputies of this City, and the *Brandenburgh* Minister, about the Winter-quarters, which his Electoral Highness pretends to have for his Troops in the Territories of this City.

*Liege*, Dec. 10. This day the Marechal *d'Estades*, Governor of *Maastricht*, pass'd by this City with 7 or 800 Men, taking his march towards *Huy*; the report says, that he expects some other Troops to join with him, in order to the attacking of *Marche*. The Dutch Troops that are quartered at *Hasselt*, have summon'd the Suburbs of this City to pay them Contributions, upon which the Council was yesterday assembled, where it was resolv'd, that the said Suburbs must agree with the Dutch as well as they can. It is a lamentable spectacle to see to what misery the poor Inhabitants of this Country are reduced, many of which are ready to famish for want of victuals; and we are told a most sad story, *viz.* That the other day a poor Woman wanting food for her children, cut the Throat of the youngest, to feed the rest; and afterwards, in a sense of the horridness of the Fact, killed her self.

*Hague*, Decemb. 13. The States upon the advice they had that the French Plenipotentiaries had intention to pass by Sea from *Calais* to *Rotterdam*, and from thence to *Nimeguen*, had appointed six Deputies to receive them with all Civility at their Landing in this Country, and to conduct them to the said place of Treaty in a Yacht, to be for that purpose provided by the Admiralty at *Rotterdam*; but since we understand that the said Plenipotentiaries upon the receipt of the necessary Passports from the Governor of the Spanish Netherlands, have resolv'd to take their way by Land. The state of the War for the ensuing year, as propos'd by the Prince of *Orange*, has been approved by the States, whose business it now will be to raise the monies necessary for the defraying the charges thereof. According to our last advices from *Hamburg*, and those parts, *Wismar* defends it self still with great bravery, and the Danes continue the Siege with the like vigor; they have begun to make use of their Granadoes and Fire-balls, not without doing execution; for they tell us of 8 or 9 houses that have been burnt by them: however the King seems desirous to spare the Town all he can. The Elector of *Brandenburgh* hath sent a reinforcement of 4 or 5000 men to the Danish Camp, and continues himself as yet in the Field. We are told that the Prince of *Orange* has issued orders for the march of two Regiments towards *Treves*, for that the French seem to have an eye again upon that place. All the Officers of this State are to have their recruits compleated by the latter end of *February*. And it's said that direction hath been sent to the Troops that are now quartered in *Brabant*, to hold

themselves ready to march upon the first command.

*Ditto*, Decemb. 17. The Plenipotentiaries of this State are design'd for the Treaty to be held at *Nimeguen*, are preparing for their departure. An 11<sup>th</sup> said that the States to prevent as far as may be all exactions, to which so great a Congress may give occasion, have resolv'd to send a Committee thither, to regulate the Rent of Houses, Price of Victual, &c. We are inform'd that some Proposals have been lately made to the States on the part of the Bishop of *Osnabrug*, about forming a separate Body of Men the next Campaign, to act by way of diversion under his command. The 13<sup>th</sup> instant arriv'd here the Dutchess of *Amalt*, who together with the Dutchess of *Stimmeren*, is lodged in the Palace belonging to the late Prince's Dowager; the Princess of *Friedland* is likewise daily expected here to present at the Entertainment of the said Princess Dowager, which will be performed with more privacy, than was at first intended, to avoid several inconveniences, which are forseen, about Precedence. The Relations we have concerning the Siege of *Wismar*, are very uncertain; two days since there was a report that it was surrender'd, but the Letters arrive yesterday from those parts assure us of the contrary, and tell us that the Besiegers had made a brisk Sally, and killed many Danes; and that on the other side the Besiegers had taken two Outworks.

*Amsterdam*, Decemb. 17. We have Letters from *Lubeck* which tell us, that the Danes before *Wismar* had with their continual bartering, made a breach in the Wall of the Town, that three or four Horsemen might enter a-breach, so that it's believed the next Letters will give us an account, that the besiegers have made a general Assault.

*Paris*, Decemb. 20. We have advice of a conspiracy which hath been discovered at *Huy*, having been formed among some of the principal Officers of that Garrison, who were to have deliver'd the place up to the Enemy. Our Plenipotentiaries design'd for the Treaty of *Nimeguen*, are not as yet parted from hence, but we expect they will in few days. From *Alsacia* we have advice, that the *Sieur de Monclar*, who commands the Kings Troops in those parts, having visited the several places as well in the Upper as Lower *Alsacia*, and given every where the necessary orders, was return'd to *Brissac*.

*Whitehall*, Decemb. 19. This day His Majesty, as a particular mark of His Grace and Favour to the Right Honourable *Heneage* Lord *Finch*, Baron of *Dawentry*, was pleas'd to change his Title of Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of *England*, into that of Lord High Chancellor of *England*.

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LOST Decemb. 15. near *Alb marle* house, a Watch that goes about 30 hours, made by *Richd d'Riccard*, having two Glasses, a Case of Silver open on each side, and four Motions, *viz.* The hour of the day pointed at by an Archer engrav'd on the Plate within the hour figures, and moving with it. The Index on the Dial-Plate shews the second Motion of Minutes, which are marked in a small Circle; within the third and outermost Motion, the dayes of the Month in red Figures. The fourth Motion is that of Seconds, shewn on the backside of the Watch by a Horse, who runs his round every Minute. The balance is guard'd by a Mercury of Silver. Whoever shall give notice of it to *Mr. William Morley* at *Bell-Court* in *King-street*, *Westminster*, shall have 40 s. Reward.